

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension or Revocation)
of the Educator Certificate of)
Frank Lanford)
Certificate 102408)

CONSENT ORDER OF PUBLIC REPRIMAND

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on March 8, 2006. On August 29, 2005, the State Department of Education (Department) sent notice of the possible suspension of his educator certificate to Frank Lanford, by regular and certified mail, return receipt requested. Mr. Lanford requested a hearing, but subsequently agreed to waive his right to a hearing and to accept a public reprimand. After considering the information presented by the Department, the State Board voted to issue a public reprimand to Mr. Lanford.

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FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Lanford holds a valid South Carolina certificate and has over thirty years of experience. From the 1990-91 through the 2003-04 school years, Mr. Lanford was employed as the Director of the Hamilton Career Center (Center) in the Oconee County School District (District). During the 2004-2005 school year, Mr. Lanford was employed as the District's Director of Secondary Education. Mr. Lanford retired from his employment at the conclusion of the 2004-05 school year, while an investigation was underway into the Center's financial records. At

the completion of the investigation, the District concluded that Mr. Lanford had exercised poor judgement and had not maintained effective financial policies and practices while serving as the Director of the Center. The District currently is utilizing Mr. Lanford's services on special projects as an independent contractor.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The State Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-150 (2004), S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-160 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58. Just cause includes unprofessional conduct. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004). The Board finds that the information presented supports its conclusion that just cause exists for the issuance of a public reprimand to Ms. Mr. Lanford for unprofessional conduct. Accordingly, the Board issues this Consent Order of Public Reprimand, which shall be reported to all school districts in South Carolina and maintained as a public record in the Office of General Counsel.

South Carolina State Board of Education

/S/ Joe Isaac
Joe Isaac, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
March 8, 2006

I, Frank Lanford, S.C. Educator Certificate 102408, do hereby agree to this Order of Public Reprimand, consisting of two pages, and understand that this Order will be presented as signed to the State Board of Education on March 8, 2006.

/s/ Frank Lanford
Frank Lanford

2/16/06
Date